

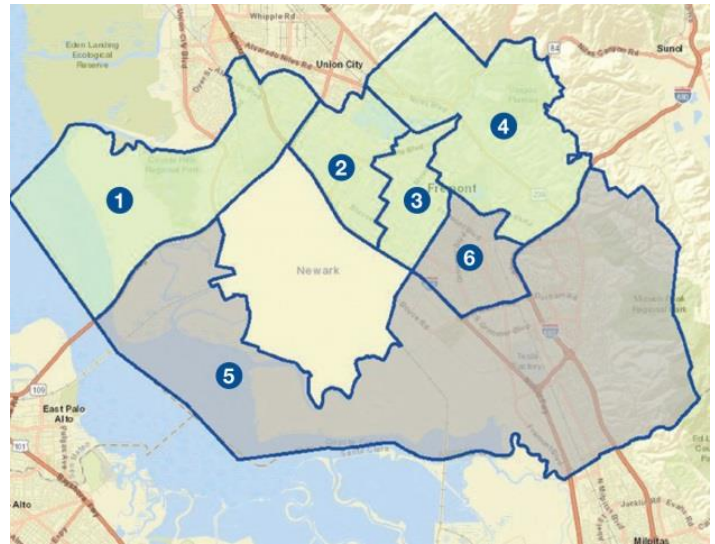
NEWS BRIEFS

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Important Information about the Upcoming Fremont City Council Elections

This November, four Fremont City Council seats will be up for election on the General Municipal Ballot. Under Fremont's new district-based election system, voters may elect candidates only from the district that they live in. Voters residing in District 1 (Northwest Fremont), District 2 (Central North Fremont), District 3 (Central Fremont), and District 4 (Eastern Fremont) will elect a City Councilmember to represent their district in the upcoming election. Information about the candidates is available on the City's website at www.Fremont.gov/ElectionInfo.



Fremont residents can identify the district they live in by visiting the Council District Locator tool at www.Fremont.gov/CouncilDistrictLocator and plugging in a home address. This tool includes mapping layers of City and public safety facilities, public schools, shopping centers, and Alameda County voter precincts as reference points. In addition, the locator includes a link to designated polling places.

To vote in the election, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old, a resident of Fremont, and neither in prison nor on parole for a felony conviction. Make sure you are registered at least 15 days before the election. Re-registration is required if you have moved since you last registered, changed your name, or changed your political party affiliation. For more information about voter registration, visit www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration. Polls open at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, November 6 and close at 8 p.m.

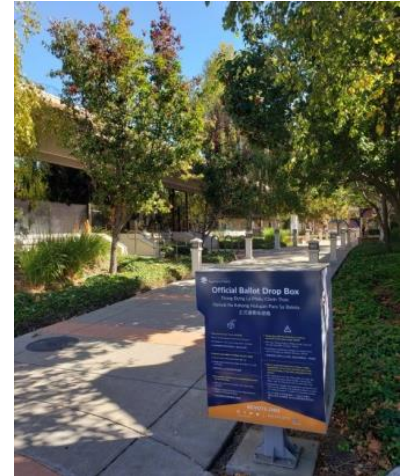
Those interested in learning more about how Fremont launched the process to convert elections from the at-large voting system to a district-based process can read more at www.Fremont.gov/DistrictElectionsBackground.

For more information contact the City Clerk's Office at 510-284-4060 or cclerk@fremont.gov.

Vote-by-Mail Box in Front of Fremont City Hall

Vote by mail voters who do not want to mail in their ballot can drop their voted ballots off, in the Vote-by-Mail box, in front of Fremont City Hall, located at 3300 Capitol Avenue, as well as other drop-off sites throughout Alameda County. The Vote-by-Mail box will be open until Tuesday, November 6, at 8 p.m.

For a list of drop-off sites throughout Alameda County visit www.acgov.org/rov/maps/ballotdropbox_map.htm.



Fremont Commemorates 150th Anniversary of “Great Quake” on Hayward Fault with Awareness Event

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the “Great Quake” on the Hayward Fault when a 6-foot offset was ripped from Milpitas to San Leandro. On Sunday, October 21, the City of Fremont will co-sponsor an earthquake awareness event with local nonprofit Math Science Nucleus (MSN) and various geological organizations in Central Park from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This free event aims to educate families and the public on earthquake science, history, and preparedness. Featuring the grand opening of the Earthquake Walk, a new series of signs throughout Central Park, attendees will be guided and educated by volunteer scientists and docents. Walking tours will begin at the Performance Pavilion starting at noon and continuing until 3 p.m., on demand.

Fun, informative activities will be offered at three focus zones: Kids Earthquake Zone, Earthquake Science Zone, and Earthquake Preparedness Zone. Families can see a simulated earthquake in action, build houses of blocks and watch them tumble down, and participate in hands-on experiments. Participants will also learn about how to prepare for earthquakes, what to take with them in case of an earthquake emergency, how earthquake insurance works, and more. Live music will be performed at the Performance Pavilion throughout the day.



For more information about the event, please visit <http://msnucleus.org/haywardfault/shake.html>.

City of Fremont Keeps Residents Connected with eNews Subscriptions

It can be difficult to stay on top of everything that’s going on in the City of Fremont. From websites to newsletters to social media, there are so many outlets to keep up with.



The City of Fremont makes it easy for community members to stay up-to-date with its eNews Subscription service. These digital updates are sent directly via email or text and provide locals a great way to stay updated on City of Fremont happenings.

To sign up, visit www.Fremont.gov/enews and subscribe with an email address and/or mobile phone number. You can choose from a variety of topics for updates, including meeting agendas and minutes, upcoming City events, news, volunteer opportunities, and more.

Additionally, many City of Fremont departments, including Community Development, Human Services, and Recreation Services, develop individual digital newsletters to provide the community with in-depth information on their current activities.

- Sign up for Fremont’s Community Development e-newsletter at www.Fremont.gov/DevelopmentDigest.
- Sign up for the Fremont Family Resource Center’s e-newsletter at www.Fremont.gov/FRCNewsletter.
- Sign up for Fremont’s Human Services’ e-newsletter at www.Fremont.gov/HumanServicesNewsletter.
- Sign up for Fremont’s Recreation Services’ e-newsletter at www.Fremont.gov/RecreationE-newsletter.
- Sign up for the Age-Friendly e-newsletter at www.Fremont.gov/AgeFriendlyNewsletter.

There’s a lot going on in Fremont, and the City is committed to keeping residents informed.

New Energy Provider for Residential Customers in Fremont

East Bay Community Energy to provide clean, affordable energy for Fremont

Starting November 2018, East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) will be the new electricity provider for Fremont. Through this local Community Choice Energy (CCE) program, Fremont residents will receive cleaner electricity at an affordable rate.



Residents will be automatically enrolled in East Bay Community Energy and continue to receive one bill from PG&E. Beginning with the December 2018 bill, residents will see electric delivery charges from PG&E and electric generation charges from EBCE. The default residential rate for Fremont customers is Bright Choice, which offers 38 percent renewable and 85 percent carbon-free power for a slightly lower rate than PG&E.

Residents also have the opportunity to opt up to the Brilliant 100 rate, offering 40 percent renewable and 100 percent carbon-free energy at par with PG&E, or Renewable 100, offering 100 percent renewable and carbon-free at a slight premium. Customers can opt up at www.EBCE.org/Opt-Up.

For solar customers, enrollment in EBCE will begin in 2019 and will be based on their “True Up” date as noted in their statement.

PG&E will continue to deliver the power, send bills, and handle customer service issues. Customers can opt out of EBCE at any time by visiting www.EBCE.org/Opt-Out. There is no fee to opt out before June 2019.

To learn more, contact East Bay Community Energy at www.EBCE.org or call 1-833-699-3223.

Going Green is Easy and Affordable with SunShares

Program offers discounts on solar installations and zero-emission vehicles

The City of Fremont is pleased to announce that SunShares is back again this year. The City is proud to be one of nearly 40 local government agencies and major employers participating in the 2018 Bay Area SunShares program, a community program helping local residents access discounted pricing and resources to help them go solar and purchase zero-emission vehicles. This is the fourth year of participation for the City of Fremont as a SunShares outreach partner.



Three local and recognized solar installation companies—PetersenDean, SkyTech Solar, and Solar Technologies—have been selected for the program and are offering a 15 percent discount, making now the most affordable time to go solar! In addition, those who choose to go solar can still take advantage of the 30 percent federal solar tax credit.

SunShares is also offering zero-emission vehicle discounts on the 2018 all electric Nissan Leaf and the 2018 hydrogen fuel-cell Toyota Mirai.

Imagine the possibilities. Save on your home utility bills, cut your gas costs, reduce your greenhouse gas footprint, and drive on clean energy.

To sign up, visit www.BayAreaSunShares.org. This limited time offer is available until November 15, 2018.

Annual Holiday Boutique and Sweet Shop

Mark your calendar for the Fremont Senior Center's Annual Holiday Boutique and Sweet Shop on Friday, November 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Senior Center, located at 40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy. This classic fundraising event will include handcrafted items to purchase for yourself and others, and will support makers 55 and older. Explore vendor tables of jewelry, crafts, needlework, silk scarves, pottery, garden art, candles, planter boxes, woodwork, and lots more just in time for holiday gifts. Also, stop by to purchase delicious homemade baked goods including truffles, brownies, cookies, and other delectable sweets. All proceeds of the boutique/sweet shop benefit the Senior Center Builders Fund. For more information call 510- 790-6600.



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